

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1-33. (Canceled)

34. (Withdrawn) A process for preparing an injectable implant for subcutaneous or intradermal injection into fibrous tissue, said implant comprising microparticles of at least one biocompatible ceramic compound in suspension in at least one vector fluid, said implant being such that said microparticles are biodegradable and have a size of from 10 to 80 μm , said ceramic compound comprising at least one component chosen from the group formed by tricalcium phosphate (βTCP) and biphasic products (BPC) which comprise HAP and βTCP in variable proportion, and in that said vector fluid comprises at least one compound based on hyaluronic acid and at least one biodegradable thixotropic compound with pseudoplastic properties, wherein said process comprises the following steps: a biocompatible ceramic compound in the form of microparticles is prepared in a first step, in an other step, independently or not of the above preliminary step, a solution of a vector fluid comprising at least one hyaluronic acid-based compound and at least one biodegradable thixotropic compound with pseudoplastic properties is prepared, the ceramic compound from the first step is then introduced into the vector fluid from the other step, in a final step, so

as to obtain an essentially homogeneous suspension.

35. (Cancelled)

36. (Withdrawn) A kit for the extemporaneous use of an implant as claimed in claim 38 or as claimed claim 17, wherein the kit comprises a ceramic compound in a first part and a vector fluid in a second part.

37. (Withdrawn) A process for filling wrinkles and/or fine lines and/or skin depressions and/or scars, comprising the subcutaneous injection of an implant as claimed in claim 14 or as claimed claim 17.

38. (New) A resorbable implant for subcutaneous or intradermal injection into fibrous tissue, comprising microparticles of one biocompatible ceramic compound in suspension in at least one vector fluid,

wherein said microparticles are biodegradable, once the implantation has been made into the fibrous tissue, within a period of from 2 to 36 months and have a size of from 10 to 80 μm , said ceramic compound is tricalcium phosphate (βTCP) and has a specific surface area of from 0.5 m^2/g to 100 m^2/g , and said vector fluid comprises at least one compound based on hyaluronic acid and at least one biodegradable thixotropic compound with pseudoplastic properties.

39. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein said microparticles have a size of from 15 to 50 μm .
40. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein said vector fluid comprises at least one thixotropic compound with pseudoplastic properties based on xanthan gum.
41. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein said vector fluid comprises at least one thixotropic compound with pseudoplastic properties based on cellulose derivatives.
42. (New) The implant according to claim 41 wherein the cellulose derivatives are selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC), hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose (HPMC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).
43. (New) The implant according to claim 42 wherein the cellulose derivative is a carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC).
44. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein said ceramic compound has a specific surface area of from 2 m^2/g to 27 m^2/g .

45. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein the microparticles are bioresorbable, once the implantation has been made into a fibrous tissue, within a period of from 3 to 24 months.

46. (New) The implant according to claim 45 wherein the microparticles are bioresorbable, once the implantation has been made into a fibrous tissue, within a period of from 4 to 18 months.

47. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein the microparticles are present in the vector fluid in a weight/volume proportion strictly greater than 0% and less than 15%.

48. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein the microparticles are present in the vector fluid in a weight/volume proportion from 2% to 12%.

49. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein the vector fluid for the implant is a biocompatible gel.

50. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein the vector fluid for the implant is a bioresorbable gel.

51. (New) The implant according to claim 38 wherein the hyaluronic acid-based compound predominantly comprises hyaluronic acid.

52. (New) The implant according to claim 51 wherein said hyaluronic acid-based compound comprises hyaluronic acid with a molecular weight of greater than one million daltons.

53. (New) The implant according to claim 52 wherein said hyaluronic acid-based compound comprises hyaluronic acid with a molecular weight of from one million to five million daltons.

54. (New) The implant according to claim 38, wherein said implant is in the form of a ready-to-use prefilled syringe, a ready-to-use prefilled bottle or a lyophilizate to be reconstituted.

55. (New) A resorbable implant for subcutaneous or intradermal injection into fibrous tissue, comprising microparticles of one biocompatible ceramic compound in suspension in at least one vector fluid,

wherein said microparticles are biodegradable, once the implantation has been made into the fibrous tissue, within a period of from 2 to 36 months, have a size of from 10 to 80 μm , and are present in the vector fluid in a weight/volume proportion

strictly greater than 0% and less than 15%,

said ceramic compound is tricalcium phosphate (β TCP), and

said vector fluid comprises at least one compound based on hyaluronic acid and at least one biodegradable thixotropic compound with pseudoplastic properties.

56. (New) The implant according to claim 55 wherein the microparticles are present in the vector fluid in a weight/volume proportion from 2% to 12%.

57. (New) The implant according to claim 55 wherein said microparticles have a size of from 15 to 50 μ m.

58. (New) The implant according to claim 55 wherein said vector fluid comprises at least one thixotropic compound with pseudoplastic properties based on xanthan gum.

59. (New) The implant according to claim 55 wherein said vector fluid comprises at least one thixotropic compound with pseudoplastic properties based on cellulose derivatives.

60. (New) The implant according to claim 59 wherein the cellulose derivatives are selected from the group consisting of carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC),

hydroxypropylmethyl cellulose (HPMC) and hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC).

61. (New) The implant according to claim 60 wherein the cellulose derivative is a carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC).

62. (New) The implant according to claim 55 wherein the microparticles are bioresorbable, once the implantation has been made into a fibrous tissue, within a period of from 3 to 24 months.

63. (New) The implant according to claim 62 wherein the microparticles are bioresorbable, once the implantation has been made into a fibrous tissue, within a period of from 4 to 18 months.

64. (New) The implant according to claim 55 wherein the vector fluid for the implant is a biocompatible gel.

65. (New) The implant according to claim 55 wherein the vector fluid for the implant is a bioresorbable gel.

66 (New) The implant according to claim 55 wherein the hyaluronic acid-based compound predominantly comprises hyaluronic acid.

67 (New) The implant according to claim 66 wherein said hyaluronic acid-based compound comprises hyaluronic acid with a molecular weight of greater than one million daltons.

68. (New) The implant according to claim 67 wherein said hyaluronic acid-based compound comprises hyaluronic acid with a molecular weight of from one million to five million daltons.

69. (New) The implant according to claim 55, wherein said implant is in the form of a ready-to-use prefilled syringe, a ready-to-use prefilled bottle or a lyophilizate to be reconstituted.